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1. INTERRUPTIONS IN JOINT CAMPAIGN TOURS OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES HAVE NOT UNDULY AFFECTED OTHER CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES BY CANDIDATES' REPRESENTATIVES IN THE PROVINCES. ACCORDING TO VIET NAM PRESS, SPEAKING TOURS HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT BY LOCAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES IN MANY AREAS. IN GIA DINH PROVINCE, FOR EXAMAPLE, CANDIDATES' REPRESENTATIVES ARE SCHEDULED TO

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MEET WITH LOCAL POPULATION IN FOUR DISTRICTS FROM AUGUST 21 THROUGH AUGUST 24. GROUND RULES WILL BE SIMILAR TO THOSE APPLIED TO JOINT PUBLIC MEETINGS OF CANDIDATES THEMSELVES. EACH REPRESENTATIVE WILL HAVE FIFTEEN MINUTES TO SPEAK OR ANSWER QUESTIOS, IN SOME CASES, TAPE RECORDINGS BY CANDIDATES THEMSELVES ARE BEING EMPLOYED.

2. SOME OF THESE MEETINGS HAVE ALREADY TAKEN PLACE. VIET NAM PRESS REPORTS THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF NINE SLATES, INCLUDING

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ALL MAJOR ONES, MET WITH 1000 VOTERS ON AUGUST 12 IN BINH MINH DISTRICT OF VINH LONG PROVINCE. IN SA DEC ON AUGUST 14 REPRESENTATIVES OF SLATES OF THIEU/KY, HUONG/TRUYEN, SUU/DAN KY/DINH AND QUAT/CHAN ADDRESSED ESTIMATED QUDIENCE OF 2000 AT LOCAL THEATER, ON SAME DAY IN PROVINCE CAPITAL OF KIEN PHONG REPRESENTATIVES OF EILHT SLATES SPOKE TO CROWD OF APPROXIMATELY 1000 PERSONSWM

3. FORELOING IS BUT A SAMPLING OF TYPE OF CAMPAIGNING GOING ON AT LOCAL LEVEL. CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES, ALTHOUGH IN MANY

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PROVINCES SLOW TO ORGANIZE THEMSELVES, ARE NOW BELIEVED TO BE ACTIV IN ALL PROVINCES. THERE WILL BE MEETINGS SIMILAR TO THOSE DESCRIBED ABOVE THORUGHOUT COUNTRY. IN SOME AREAS MINOR SLATES ARE NOT WELL REPRESENTED OR MAY NOT HAVE REPRESENTATIVES AT ALL BUT OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT ALL MAJOR SLATES WKTHIEU, HUONG, SUU AND HA THUC KY) HAVE RATHER ACTIVE REPRESENTATITON AT LEAST AT THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL AND SOMETIHES IN DISTRICTS AND VILLAGES.

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